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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 1265

DEPT FOR SY DIKEOS FROM MATHERON

NAIROBI FOR CO F AND RSS GARRETT

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJ: TDY ADDIS MARINE TO MOGADISCIO

REF: A) NAIROBI 4282; B) NAIROBI 4116 (NOTAL)

1. RSO HIPSON TELEPHONED NAIROBI MARCH 17 AT MY SPECIFIC REQUEST AS SOON AS I HAD ACCIDENTALLY GOT WIND (REF B) OF POSSIBLE TDY ASSIGNMENT OF SGT SMITH TO MOGADISCIO. AS I READ MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DEPT AND MARINE CORPS, IT IS UNCLEAR ABOUT ROLE OF DEPT AND EMBASSY IN DETER-MINING TDY ASSIGNMENTS OF MARINE PERSONNEL, BUT I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT "SENDING" CHIEF OF MISSION WOULD HAVE AT LEAST BEEN CONSULTED. I NOW RECOGNIZE TELEPHONE CALL WAS NOT BEST WAY TO GET MY VIEWS ACROSS, BUT STILL FEEL WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN SO ADVISED BY NIACT IMMEDIATE ON 3/17 SO THEY COULD BE CHANNELED CORRECTLY.

2. QUESTION OF AUTHORITY ASISE, DECISION TO SEND MARINE FROM ETHIOPIA TO SOMALIA UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES OF HOSTILITY BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND CONTINUING HOSTILITY
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TOWARD USG IS QUESTIONABLE AT BEST AND COULD JEOPARDIZE ENTIRE MARINE PROGRAM AT ADDIS. WHEN EPMG CUT EMBASSY AND US MILITARY PERSONNEL LAST SPRING, IT AUTHORIZED ONLY FOUR MARINE POSITIONS ALTOGETHER. LATER CHARGE TIENKEN WAS ABLE TO GET TWO MORE POSITIONS AUTHORIZED, BUT ONLY ORALLY, AND AS A RESULT TOLERANCE OF THEM BY EPMG IS ALWAYS PROBLEMATIC-CAL. WE ARE INCIDENTALLY RUNNING INTO INORDINATELY LONG

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DELAY IN GETTING ID CARD FOR PRESENT NCOIC FROM PROTOCOL.

3. FINALLY, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE HAVE CONTINUING SECURITY PROBLEMS HERE WHICH REQUIRE PRESENCE OF FULL DETAIL FOR ALL BUT VERY SHORT PERIODS.

4. ACTION REQUEST: RETURN OF SGT SMITH TO ADDIS.
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